

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 25 Apr 58	2. LOCATION Between Fresno-Merced, Calif	12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 25/1725Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	6. SOURCE Military	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 4-5 secs	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE SW
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Circular obj, size of pea at arms length. White. Obj far above balloon which was at 150,000ft. 180 degrees of turn was seen, then obj streaked toward Pacific.		11. COMMENTS A U-2 a/c on classified project was in the general area on date and time indicated. A balloon was sighted by the pilot. The U-2 a/c did make a turn in that general area.	

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FM COMDR 669TH ACVRON

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~~OBSCURE~~ SIGHTING, 25/1740Z APR 58 IN ACCORDANCE

WITH AFR 200-2 DTD 12 AUG 54 THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED.

1A. ROUND 1B. PEA 1C. LIGHT WHITE OR SILVER 1D. ONE 1E. N/A 1F.

UNABLE TO DETERMINE 1G. NONE 1H. NONE 1I. NONE 2A. MERIDEN BLUE

FLIGHT WENT OVER TO INVESTIGATE AREIAL BALLOON AND SAW OBJECT. 2B.

APPROXIMATE 45 DEGREES ELEVATION, AZIMUTH 30 DEGREES STARBOARD OF

FLIGHT (FLIGHT HEADING 300 DEGREES) 2C. APPROXIMATE 45 DEGREES

ELEVATION, AZIMUTH 45 DEGREES PORT OF FLIGHT (FLIGHT HEADING 300

DEGREES) 2D. MADE A 360 DEGREE TURN BALLOON THEN ROLLED OUT HEADING

SOUTH 2E. OBJECT MOVED AWAY AT HIGH SPEED 2F. ONE MINUTE 3A. AIR

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VISUAL 3B. NAKED EYE 3C. F-100'S MERIDEN BLUE FLIGHT THREE AIRCRAFT,

45,000 FEET, 300 DEGREES MAG, GEORGE AFB, CALIFORNIA 4A. 25/1725Z 1725-²²

APR 58 4B. DAY 5. HALFWAY BEWEEN FRESNO CALIF AND MERCED CALIF

A. CAPT, [REDACTED], 413TH FIGHTER DAY WING GEORGGE AFB, CALIF, RELIABLE. FRIDLEY C. I. 1LT 413TH FIGHTER DAY WING GEORGGE AFB, CALIF, RELIABLE.

7A. EXCELLENT 7B. SURFACE ^{WNW} 305 DEGREES 30 KNOTS, 6,000, ^{WNW} 305 DEGREES 30 KNOTS, ^W 10,000 275 DEGREES 50 KNOTS, ^W 15,000 265 DEGREES 7 KNOTS, ^W 20,000 265 DEGREES 70 KNOTS, ^W 30,000 265 DEGREES 70 KNOTS, 50,000 ^W 250 DEGREES 15 KNOTS, 80,000 UNKNOWN. 7C. CLEAR 7D. UNLIMITED 7E. LESS THAN 10 PERCENT 7F. NONE 8. OBJECT ABOVE 65,000 FEET. 9. NONE 10. AERIAL BALLOON 36 DEGREES 35 MINUES NORTH, 110 DEGRES 25 MINUTES WEST AT 1753Z 11. OBJECT WILL PROBAELY TURN OUT TO BE A MILITARY VEHICLE BEING PUT THROUG TESTS. JOHN KROEHLER JR 2/LT, DUTY DIRECTOR. 12. NONE.

How was it not impossible to this determine? It is very difficult to estimate altitude while in the air, with any degree of accuracy, with naked eye.

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*1st Report states balloon at
150,000 feet (Inconsistent)*

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UNCLAS FROM FDGI 04-598, SUBJ: UFO, A. (1)

CIRCULAR, (2) SIZE OF PEA HELD AT ARMS LENGTH, (3) WHITE.

(4) ONE, (5) N/A (6) NONE, (7) NONE, (8) NONE, (9) NONE, B, (10)

FLIGHT WAS MAKING INTERDEPT OF WEATHER BALLOON AT TIME OF

SIGHTING. (2) WEATHER BALLOON WAS AT APPROXIMATELY 150,000 FEET

AND OBJECT WAS FAR ABOVE BALLOON. (3) ABOVE 152,000. (4) W

SIGHTED OBJECT WAS IN A TURN, AROUND OR NEAR BALLOON. 133

DEGREES OF TURN WAS SEEN, THEN OBJECT STREAKED TOWARD PACIFIC

OCEAN ON SOUTH-WEST HEADING. (5) VERY RAPIDLY IN A SOUTH-WEST

FIRECTION, (6) FOUR FIVE SECONDS, C, (1) AIR-VISUAL, (2) NONE

Wrote off and 170 min.
- how events fit
(Chickens etc) in
Chickens up right now.

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(3) TWO F-100C, SERIAL NUMBERS [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED], 45,000 FEET,
330 DEGREES, .73 MACH, GEORGE AFB, CALIFORNIA. D. (1) 1725 ZULU,
25 APRIL 1958. (2) DAY. E. 37° 7N - 120° 15W, SITUATED HALFWAY
BETWEEN FRESNO AND MERCED, CALIFORNIA. F. (1) N/A. (2) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CAPTAIN, PILOT, [REDACTED]
1/LT, PILOT, 436TH FTR DAY SQUADRON, GEORGE AFB, CALIFORNIA. G.
(1) CLEAR WITH EXCELLENT VISIBILITY. (2) GROUND: 300 DEGREES/10
KTS, 6200 FEET: 330 DEG/5 KTS, 10,200 FEET: 310 DEG/25 KTS
18,000 FEET: 310 DEG/44 KTS 20,000 FEET: 312 DEG/45 KTS, 32,000
FEET: 300/DEG/44 KTS, 30,000 FEET: 250 DEG/37 KTS, 74,000 FEET
[REDACTED] DEG/41 KTS (3)
[REDACTED] UNLIMITED. (4) 20 NM (5) NONE. (6) NONE. H.

NONE. I. NONE. J. ONLY OTHER SIGHTING IN AREA WAS WEATHER
BALLOON, SIGHTED AT 37° 7N - 120° 15W. K. 479TH WING INTELLIGENCE
OFFICER, CAPTAIN DEAN E. ABBOTT, PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF THESE
EVENTS REVEALS NO KNOWN REASONS OR CAUSE FOR THIS SIGHTING.
THE TWO OBSERVERS HAVE AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION FOR VERACITY.
THEY WERE INVESTIGATING THE LARGE "SKY HOOK" WEATHER BALLOON
WHEN THE UFO WAS SIGHTED IN ITS VICINITY. L. NONE/ END/ UNCLAS

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JOINT MESSAGEFORM				SECURITY CLASSIFICATION			
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INFO	AIR MAIL						
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TO: COMDR, EDWARDS AFB, MURROC, CALIFORNIA						1725 Zulu	
INFO: COMDR, 1006TH AISS, ENT AFB, COLO SPRINGS, COLO (AIR MAIL)						Final	
UNCLASSIFIED/AFCIN-4E4						5-872-E	
Ref para.'s 1, 6b & 6c, AFR 200-2, subject UFO, and TT Msg							
FDOI 04-598, 25 Apr 58, copy to COMDR NORAD. Request checks be made to determine if any flights, tests, or other operations known to you, or part of your activities, which could account for UFO sighting reported by two F-100c pilots in general area midway between Merced and Fresno California at approximately 1725 Zulu Time, 25 April 58. Brief details: pilots Capt. [REDACTED] and Lt. [REDACTED] from 436th Ftr. Sqd., George AFB, Calif., at 45,000 feet, 30 degree heading, about Mach Nr. .8 investigating "Sky Hook" balloon, which was at approximately 150,000 feet. UFO reported seen [REDACTED] above balloon, which made 180 degree turn near [REDACTED] or around balloon, then streaked, repeat streaked, towards Pacific							
				DATE 5		TIME 1600	
				MONTH MAY		YEAR 1958	
SYMBOL				SIGNATURE			
AFCIN-4E4g				<i>George T. Gregory</i>			
TYPED NAME AND TITLE (Signature)				TYPED (or stamped) NAME AND TITLE			
GEORGE T. GREGORY, CAPT., USAF				<i>Wallace W. Ellwood</i>			
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FROM:

COMDR, ATIC

Ocean on SW heading. In reply refer to AFCIN-4E4 with info copy to Assistant Chief of Staff/Intelligence, Headquarters, USAF, Washington 25, D.C.

COORDINATION:

AFCIN-4E4 R. A. Miley DATE 5 May 58
Dr. Miley

AFCIN-4E H. K. Gilbert DATE 5 May
Colonel Gilbert

AFCIN-4E1 G. Arcier DATE 6 May 58
Mr. Arcier

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FM COMDR AFFTC

TO RJEDSQ/COMDR AIR TEC INTEL CEN WPAFB

INFO RJWFAM/COMDR 1006TH AIR INTEL SER SQUAD PETERSON FIELD

RJEPHQ/ASSIST CHIEF OF STAFF/INTELLIGENCE HQ USAF

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UNCLASSIFIED/FROM FTOOC-5-9-E, FOR AFCIN-4E4

(WADC), ASST CHIEF OF STAFF/INTELLIGENCE (HQ USAF).

REFERENCE ATIC MESSAGE AFCIN-4E4-5-872-E. A U-2 AIRCRAFT,

ON A CLASSIFIED PROJECT FROM THIS CENTER, WAS IN THE
GENERAL AREA ON DATE AND TIME INDICATED. A BALLOON WAS
SIGHTED BY THE PILOT. THE U-2 AIRCRAFT DID MAKE A TURN
IN THAT GENERAL AREA.

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